

Junior Fair Queen Contest

Mission Statement

The goal of this contest/pageant is to select a young lady who embodies what a teenage girl should be. She should be well spoken and carry herself with poise, respect, and a sense of self-worth. She should be intelligent, energetic, honest, and outgoing. She should be a leader who shows initiative and a sense of pride and commitment. The young lady we are in search of should be a well-rounded individual with her own voice and thoughts, who participates in activities not just for recreation but to make a difference. She should participate in both her school and community beyond that which is expected of her. Overall, she should stand out from her peers and be a role model for those of all ages.

The Panel Of Judges

- n** Judges, when possible, will be out-of-county individuals who are either involved in pageants, youth organizations, or both. When at all possible, the judges will be selected for their involvement in both, but they are not required to have both to be a judge for this pageant. There is also the possibility that the judges could be queens from other county fairs or festivals.
- n** The panel will be made up of a diverse group of individuals. When possible, there will be a mix of both male and female judges. However, this is not always possible due to the availability of judges.
- n** **At no time will any part of the judging process be performed by the OSU Extension educators or members of the Fair Queen Committee.**

Contestant

- i** The contest is open to Scioto County girls, between 16 and 19 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year, not married nor been married, nor have borne a child.
- i** Contestants must be a member or an alumnus of one or more of the organizations represented, be the Junior Fair Board – 4-H, Girl Scouts, FCCLA, FFA, and VICA.
- i** Contestants must be available the week of the fair. The Queen and her court are expected to perform daily duties at the fair and should be available to complete those duties.
- n** Each contestant and a parent must sign a commitment stating that they will fulfill their duties if selected to the fair queen court. Failure to sign this agreement will result in the contestant being removed from competition. If a contestant is selected and is found not to be fulfilling her commitments by the Fair Queen Committee and/or the OSU Extension office, she will be removed from the court and forfeit all awards.

Pageant Overview

- n** All contestants will complete an Entry Form and an Activities Report which are available from the OSU Extension office. All forms must be completed prior to competition.

- ❖ All forms must be returned to the OSU Extension office- Scioto County, no later than 4:30p.m. on the date specified on the pre-fair schedule.
- ❖ The pageant will be held on **Tuesday June 26th**, interviews in the afternoon and the remainder of the contest that night.
- ❖ All contestants will go through a three part contest/pageant: Activity Report Judging (Girls will not be present for this judging), Interview Phase, and On-Stage Presence Phase.
- ❖ Once competition is started the night of the pageant, parents, guardians, and friends will not be permitted backstage with the girls.

Activity Report Judging

- ❖ Prior to interviews the judges will review all participants' Activity Reports which are completed by the contestants.
- ❖ Each report will be given a score based on the girl's Participation, Leadership, Achievement, and Initiative.
- ❖ Up to ten points will be given for evidence of involvement. Since the area of activities is weighted more heavily, we would like to see proof of the contestant's involvement in the organization(s) she is representing. Such proof submitted in this area must fit inside a file folder and be limited to 6 pages front and back. The application will not be counted in these 6 pages.

Interview Phase

- ❖ Each contestant will be interviewed.
- ❖ Contestants will be expected to dress as if going to a job interview or a college interview. The dress code will be business casual. By casual we are expecting something nice like a sundress, pants suit, top and skirt combo, etc. Jeans or shorts with a t-shirt would be inappropriate. The outfit the contestant chooses should reflect her personality and should present the contestant in a tasteful manner and also be age appropriate.
- ❖ Questions for interviews will be generated from the contestants' individual Activity Reports. Some questions will also be very general in nature and could be answered by all contestants. Questions can also be asked to determine the contestant's knowledge of the county fair. **All questions will be generated by the judges.**
- ❖ Interview times will be assigned according to the order in which entry forms are received in the OSU Extension office. We will follow a first come basis.
- ❖ During this phase, contestants will be judged on poise and personality, self-presentation, personal appearance, and responsiveness to questions.

On-Stage Presence Phase

- ❖ Each contestant will compete on stage and will answer one question from the judges (In the event that there are 18 or more contestants, only the top ten will compete in this phase).

- i** Each contestant will answer the same question that has been generated by the judges. To ensure contestants do not duplicate answers, each contestant will compete on stage individually and will be kept in a separate area away from the stage prior to being asked the question.
- n** This phase of competition will judge the contestants overall presentation, poise and personality, responsiveness to a question, and her ability to speak in front of an audience.
- i** Each contestant will be asked to dress in a semiformal manner. Dresses are recommended, however, the price of the dress will not influence the judging. Each contestant will choose her own dress and the dresses can range from anything from a nice sundress to something similar to a prom dress. The contestant should feel comfortable in what she is wearing and it should present her in a tasteful manner. The contestant's choice of dress should also be age appropriate.
- i** Each contestant may be expected to walk across stage, and possibly down or up a set of stairs, and answer a question. After completing the question the girl will step to a marked area on stage for the judges to get an overall look of the girl and how she presents herself and will then exit the stage.
- i** The top five contestants will be named in random order following this phase of the competition.

Scoring

- n** Scoring is based on the State Fair Queen Guidelines and will be done on the following basis:
 - ' Activities.....50pts.

Participation	Achievement
Leadership	Initiative
Evidence of Involvement	
 - ' Responsiveness to Question.....30pts.
 - ' Poise and Personality.....20pts.
 - ' Personal Appearance.....20pts.
(This includes **overall** appearance during entire judging process.)
 - ' Overall Impression.....20pts.
- i** **Activities** ~ Attention is given to the four main areas of participation, leadership, achievement, and initiative. Up to two points will be awarded for evidence of involvement (Scrapbook, Photo Page, Letters from Advisors, Etc.). Due to the nature of the title, more weight has been given to this area of the competition.
- i** **Poise and Personality** ~ Attention is given to the contestant's poise, charm, carriage, and the confidence by which she carries herself.
- i** **Personal Appearance** ~ Attention is given to the overall appearance and the contestant's sense of style. Scoring is not effected by the price of the clothing. Attire should be suitable for a teenage girl and reflect her personality.
- i** **Overall Impression** ~ Attention is given to the overall image that is conveyed to the judges by the contestant. Girls are being judged at all times and should present themselves as such.

- i Responsiveness to Questions** ~ Attention is given to the contestant's communication skills and the substance of her answers. Questions will be generated from the contestant's activity report and also from basic fair knowledge.
 - i** In the event of a tie, the scores given by the judges for the final question will break the tie. There can be no ties.
 - i** Each contestant will be judged in the three main areas of Activities, Interview, and On-Stage Presence. A panel of four judges will judge all contestants in all areas of Activities, Interview and On-Stage Presence.
 - i** The judges will be the only people who see the scores besides the contestants. All paper work and score sheets will be destroyed immediately after the judges tabulate the scores.
 - i** The top five contestants' results will be put in an sealed envelope by the judges. This envelope will be put in a safe at the OSU Extension office and will not be opened until Monday night of the fair.
 - i** In the event that there are 18 or more contestants, only the top ten will advance to the final round of competition. The top ten would be introduced the night of the contest, on stage, prior to the final question.

The Queen and Her Court

The Queen and Court will not be named until Monday of the fair at 6:00p.m.

On the night of the contest the top five names will be read in random order. Placings of the top five contestants will not be revealed until Monday of the fair. Contestants will work together before the fair on the same footing. No one will know the results and placing until the fair.

- i** The Queen will receive a crown, a trophy, a sash, flowers, and a \$250.00 scholarship. The \$250.00 scholarship will be paid by the Sr. Fair Board and is only applicable if she seeks a higher education. If she chooses not to further her education the fair board will pay her \$100.00. In order to receive the \$250.00 scholarship, the winner must enroll within two years of the time she is crowned.
- i** 1st Runner-Up and the three (3) princesses will receive a trophy, sash and flowers.
- i** All contestants will receive flowers.

Duties of the Queen and Court

- i** The queen and her court will be expected to reign over the Scioto County Fair and help promote the fair.
- i** All five girls will be expected to perform daily duties that are not limited to, but include working livestock shows, cloverbud interviews, and anything deemed suitable for their attendance.
- i** Girls will be assigned shows to work and will be given the opportunity to work the shows that best fit their schedules. No court member shall leave a show unless she is relieved by a fellow court member or is given permission by the Fair Queen Committee, A member of the Senior Fair Board, or an OSU Extension employee.

- ❖ Dress code for the fair will be discussed with the court prior to the fair. All attire should present the girls in a respectful manner. When wearing pants, shirts shall be tucked in, no belly's should be showing.
- ❖ No visible body piercings (other than ears) or visible tattoos are permitted.
- ❖ The Queen and her court will not be permitted to wear their sashes and/or crown while participating in judging events as a competitor nor will they be allowed to wear these items during the sale of their own livestock at auction.
- ❖ The queen and her court will also be given the opportunity to attend various parades, fairs, and festivals. They will be accompanied by a chaperon to all events outside of our fair.
- ❖ Failure to fulfill these duties will result in the removal from the court and the forfeit of all awards. All contestants will have previously signed a commitment letter and will have agreed to fulfill their obligations if chosen.
- ❖ The court will also be given the opportunity to ride on a float, however, this will be an unanimous vote of the five girls and will be an equal endeavor on all involved.
- ❖ A court member may also be removed when her own actions are deemed by the OSU Extension office and/or Fair Queen Committee to be unworthy of this honor.
- ❖ Removal will be the decision of the OSU Extension office- Scioto County and/or the Fair Queen Committee.
- ❖ The Queen and her court will be supervised by the Fair Queen Committee, **all decisions of court members and their families must first pass through the committee before action is taken.** Failure to contact the committee prior to acting upon an action, can and will result in removal from the court. All arguments and/or conflicts will be settled by the committee. The committee will serve as chaperones and also will work to make sure the court is fulfilling their commitments to the fair.
- ❖ Items that are purchased before committee approval will be considered a donation to the Queen and Court. The ruling will stand unless a majority vote is taken by the committee to reimburse such purchasers.
- ❖ Queen and Court members will also be asked to raise money through donations to help provide funds for the Queen's Committee. All funds raised are to be used by the committee to help defer cost of expenses for the committee and the court members. All funds not used within the reign of the court will be carried over to the following year to be used by the committee.
- ❖ The Queen and Court will also be expected to attend a Senior Fair Board Dinner after the fair's completion. It is the responsibility of the queen and court to provide a cake for this event. The Fair Queen Committee will not be responsible for the cake.

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Rules and Guidelines

1. The contest is open to Scioto County girls, between 16 and 19 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year, not married nor have been married, nor have borne a child.
2. Girls can compete more than one year. However, once a girl has been named Scioto County Jr. Fair Queen she is ineligible to compete again.
3. All contestants must complete an Entry Form and Activities Report and return them to the OSU Extension office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date specified on the pre-fair schedule to be eligible to compete.
4. Contestants must be a member or an alumnus of one or more of the following organizations that are represented on the Junior Fair Board – 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and VICA.
5. All contestants are required to complete two phases of competition in person, an interview and an on-stage presence phase (Activity Reports will be judged without the contestants present). The queen and her court will be announced that evening.
6. Scoring will be done on the following basis:

‘	Activities.....	50pts.
	Participation Achievement	
	Leadership Initiative	
	Evidence of Involvement	
‘	Responsiveness to Question.....	30pts.
‘	Poise and Personality.....	20pts.
‘	Personal Appearance.....	20pts.
	(This includes overall appearance during entire judging process.)	
‘	Overall Impression.....	20pts.
7. The queen and her court must agree in writing to reign over and be present for any fair events requested. All contestants and their parents will be asked to sign a commitment letter saying that they have read all the rules for the contest and that they will fulfill all obligations if selected to the court, prior to competition. Failure to complete such obligations will result in the queen or court member to be removed from the court. Failure to sign this agreement will cause the contestant to be removed from competition.
8. Members of the court will be subject to review by the Fair Queen Committee throughout their reign.
9. The Scioto County Jr. Fair Queen will be entered in the Ohio State Fair Queen Pageant according to Ohio State Fair Queen guidelines.
10. The Scioto County Sr. Fair Board will pay the Junior Fair Queen \$250.00 upon receipt of a letter stating her enrollment in an institution of higher learning. She must enroll within two years of being selected queen, or forfeit the scholarship. If she does not plan to seek further education, the board will pay her \$100.00. **THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE PAID ONLY IF THE QUEEN FULFILLS HER COMMITMENT TO REIGN AND BE PRESENT OVER JUNIOR AND SENIOR FAIR ACTIVITIES.**

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Judges Score Sheet

Contestant's Name _____

Activities

Participation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Achievement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Evidence of Involvement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Total _____ (50)

On-Stage Presence

<p><i>Responsiveness to Questions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p>	
<p><i>Personal Appearance</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p>	
<p><i>Poise & Personality</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p>	
<p><i>Overall Impression</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p>	

Total _____ (45)

Activities & On Stage Total _____ (95)

Contestant's Name _____

Interview

<i>Responsiveness to Questions</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	
<i>Personal Appearance</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
<i>Poise and Personality</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
<i>Overall Impression</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	

_____ (45)

Activities Score _____ (50)

On-Stage Score _____ (45)

Interview Score _____ (45)

Final Score _____ (140)

_____ year

JUNIOR FAIR QUEEN ENTRY BLANK

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE (as of January 1, current year) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING _____

Please return this from, along with your completed *Activities Report, Introduction, Proof of Involvement* and *Photo*, to:
OSU Extension - Scioto County
Attn: Queen Contest
602 Seventh Street, Courthouse Room 7
Portsmouth, Oh 45662.

Refer to Pre-Fair Schedule for Registration Deadline

After your registration information is submitted, you will be assigned an afternoon interview time based on the order in which your application is received.

The public is invited to the evening program. It will be at the Scioto County Welcome Center in Portsmouth (old Kendricks building). Refer to the Pre-Fair Schedule or the OSU Extension office at 354-7879 for exact dates and times.

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Junior Fair Queen Contest Activities Report

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

Include below all information and activities for your youth organization, school, church, community, etc. You may use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. Be sure to include your entry blank and photo with this form.

A. ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN: _____

B. ACHIEVEMENTS OR AWARDS RECEIVED: _____

C. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD: _____

D. ACTIVITIES YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF OR ORGANIZED: _____

Letter of Commitment

I have read and understand the rules and guidelines pertaining to the Scioto County Junior Fair Queen Contest and have read and understand the Contest Handbook.

By signing this commitment, I agree to be available the week of the fair and will fulfill any and all duties if selected to the court.

I also understand that failure to fulfill such duties will result in my removal from the court and the forfeiting of all awards I have received.

I also understand that if at any time my own actions are deemed unworthy of this honor, I can be removed from the court.

Contestant's Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature and Date
